

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN
PROBLEMS

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Mr. HENNINGS, from the Committee on Rules and Administration,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. Con. Res. 59]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (S. Con Res. 59) continuing the Joint Committee on Washington Metropolitan Problems and providing additional funds therefor, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to by the Senate.

This concurrent resolution would authorize the continuance through January 31, 1960, of the Joint Committee on Washington Metropolitan Problems, which was created by House Concurrent Resolution 172, 85th Congress, agreed to August 29, 1957. In addition, the concurrent resolution would authorize the expenditure by the joint committee through January 31, 1960, of an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in addition to the \$30,000 already authorized by Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 86th Congress, agreed to February 5, 1959.

The accomplishments of the joint committee and the reasons for its continuance are more fully detailed in the report of the Committee on the District of Columbia on Senate concurrent resolution 59 (S. Rept. 583, 86th Cong.) and in a letter to Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, from Senator Alan Bible, chairman of the Joint Committee on Washington Metropolitan Problems, which letter (with an accompanying budget) is as follows:

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
JOINT COMMITTEE ON WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN PROBLEMS,
Washington, D.C., July 27, 1959.

Hon. THOMAS C. HENNINGS, Jr.,
*Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR HENNINGS: Reference is made to Senate Concurrent Resolution 59, 86th Congress, 1st session, which was introduced in the Senate on July 9, 1959, requesting funds for the operation of the Joint Committee on Washington Metropolitan Problems for the period from October 1, 1959, through January 31, 1960. Prior to submitting this resolution to the Senate, it was reported out favorably by the Senate District Committee.

This joint committee was authorized to study the growth and expansion of the Washington metropolitan area, the problems created by the growth and expansion and how they were dealt with by existing governmental bodies, and the impact of growth and expansion upon the District of Columbia. Our final report was submitted to Congress in January of this year (S. Rept. 38) but the report did not include our findings in connection with the transportation problem in the metropolitan area inasmuch as this particular phase of our studies depended upon consideration of a study which the President had not yet transmitted to Congress. Therefore, Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 was introduced on January 12, 1959, to grant additional time for this particular study. It had been authoritatively stated that the "Mass Transportation Survey Final Report," being produced by the National Capital Regional Planning Council and the National Capital Planning Commission, jointly, would be available as a published document in February 1959. This expectation underlay a schedule of committee work with public hearings on transportation problems in June 1959 and a committee report before September 30, 1959.

Unforeseen delays in completing and publishing the Mass Transportation Survey report have been encountered and as a result Congress did not receive this report until July 10. On this basis, a new committee work schedule must be prepared and should allow approximately 6 months for study and analysis of the survey report by governmental agencies, interested parties, and by the committee's own staff and consultants. This would appear a minimum schedule, considering the scope and complexity of the Mass Transportation Survey. Therefore, we respectfully request that your committee approve our budget of \$25,000 for the additional time we wish the committee to remain in operation, in order that we may now plan for public hearings in October 1959 and a final report to Congress by the end of March 1960.

At an executive meeting of this committee on June 19, 1959, it was unanimously decided to ask for an extension of this committee until March 31, 1960. However, in conformance with the regulations of the Senate Rules Committee, our present concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 59) asks for an extension of time only to January 31, 1960. However, it is our intention when Congress convenes in January 1960 to ask for an extension until March 31, 1960, and for such small fund as would be necessary for that 2-month period.

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The committee has sufficient funds to operate under Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 for the period to September 30. An estimated budget is attached hereto.

Our committee has operated economically and will continue to do so. I shall be glad to appear before your committee should your committee desire further information regarding our request for approval of a \$25,000 budget.

Thanking you for your committee's early attention to this matter, and with kind regards,

Cordially,

ALAN BIBLE, *Chairman.*

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN PROBLEMS ESTIMATED BUDGET

Estimated expenses, Oct. 1, 1959, to Jan. 31, 1960

Position	Base salary per annum	Gross salary per annum	Monthly salary (gross)	Total for period of budget
SALARIES				
Staff director.....	\$8,820	\$16,300.00	\$1,358.33	\$5,433.32
Secretary.....	3,780	7,777.61	648.13	2,592.52
Typist.....	1,680	3,828.64	319.05	1,276.20
Consultants at \$46.2777 per day and by contract.....				7,527.77
Subtotal.....				16,829.81
ADMINISTRATIVE				
Contribution to civil service retirement fund.....				604.63
Travel (Members during recess of Congress).....				2,300.00
Hearings (inclusive of reporters' fees).....				1,500.00
Stationery, office supplies.....				150.00
Communications (telephone, telegraph).....				479.76
Contingent fund.....				3,135.80
Subtotals.....				8,170.19
Total.....				25,000.00

